

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) will officially endorse Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination after polls close this evening.

Rep. Farr released the following statement Tuesday afternoon:

"Tonight, after the polls close, the presidential primary for the Democratic candidates will have run its course. Although Hillary Clinton has won many of the big blue states and energized her voters, Barack Obama has won the nomination. After the final ballot has been cast tonight, I will officially endorse Barack Obama as the Democratic candidate for the presidency.

"Barack is an exciting new leader in American politics. He will work to end the war in Iraq, he will tackle domestic issues that have been neglected for years and he will help repair our battered reputation abroad. I look forward to working with him to bridge the current political divide and address the problems that face our country.

"I like both candidates and I think they would make a great team. The country and the party has benefited from their campaigns. More people have registered to vote, more money has been raised and voter turnout has been historic.

"I wanted both candidates to run their hearts out in every state so Americans know their votes count. That has been achieved. Tonight completes the primary campaign, and tomorrow the healing must begin. The Democratic convention in Denver will be a celebration of party unity culminating in a plan to unite America."

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